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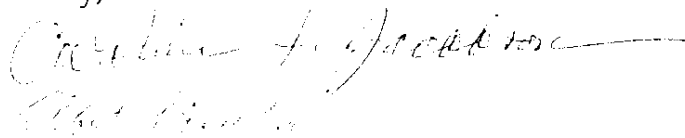
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
4455 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Copps:

Do not weaken the rules concerning media ownership. We need a wide variety of viewpoints from many news-gathering organizations to be informed citizens and wise voters in a democracy. The media is already too consolidated and any further steps in that direction will be decidedly un-American.

Thank you for trying to publicize the proposed rule changes.

Yours truly,



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Dear Sir:

Freedom is in the air these days. But as our government savors victory abroad, it is considering reducing our freedom in a specific way at home. The PBS program "Now" issued a wake up call May 2. Within a month, the American system of broadcasting may be subject to a structural change that threatens the free flow of communication.

Some seventy years ago our nation decided that the air waves were public property not private. Although frequencies could be allocated to private companies, licensing would be necessary to assure that stations operated in the public interest.

Now the Federal Communications Commission may drop the regulation that no single company can own all of the radio and television outlets in a community. The public interest is indeed jeopardized when a major source of news and information can be controlled by a monopoly.

This danger has received little attention. No widespread public hearings have been held. We urge citizens to strike a blow for freedom of communication by notifying the FCC (445 12th St. SW Washington, DC 20554) that this particular deregulation should be deailed.

Sincerely,

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